



**Southern Agriculture & Animal
Disaster Response Alliance
(SAADRA)**

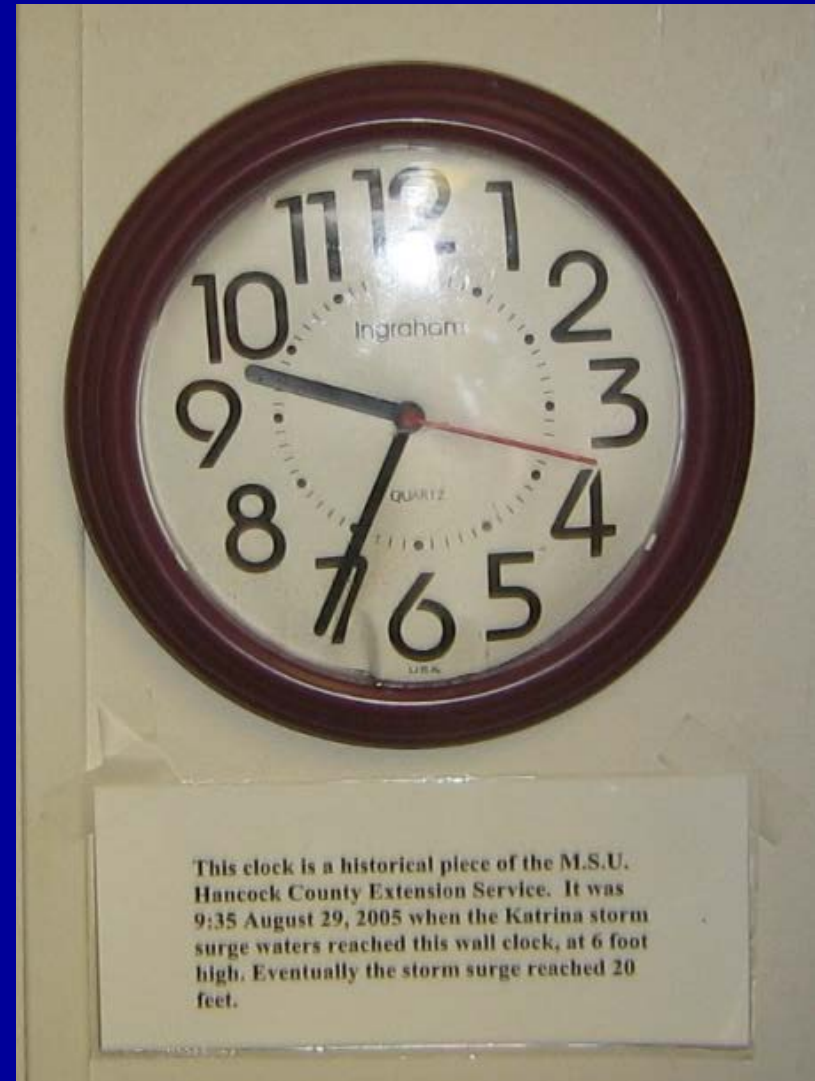
Our Motivation



“animal emergencies are human emergencies”

Inciting Event

Hurricane Katrina
August, 2005



Response Teams EMACed

Invited to assist MS and TX

Katrina

- Florida
- North Carolina
- Georgia

Ike

- Florida



Our Founders



- Appreciated the value of state-to-state aid
- Recognized need for increased preparedness
- Noted the MSP model
- Formed SAADRA '06

SAADRA's Structure

...an interactive collaboration of states at risk from similar natural, intentional, technological, and disease disasters affecting agriculture and animals

SAADRA's Mission

...is to strengthen all-hazard capabilities through partnerships with the public, animal and agriculture industries, and every level of government

SAADRA's Goal

Both regional and individual state preparedness will be enhanced through collaborative planning, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts that help to ensure the safety and health of its citizens, food systems, agriculture infrastructure, animals, and economy

SAADRA Founding States

Alabama
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana



Mississippi
N. Carolina
S. Carolina
Tennessee
Texas

**Arkansas, Virginia and West Virginia
are new members**

Members

Emergency managers who report to policy makers in these state agencies:

- State Animal Health Official
- State Department of Agriculture
- State Emergency Management/Homeland Security
- State educational institutions with animal ag focus

Organizational Structure

Interactive, volunteers, co-chairs assist with group communication

Funding for SAADRA



- None officially
- Dependent on individual states' project grants
- May be limited state support if topics overlap with agency grants
- Support from MSP! *TY!*

SAADRA Activities

- Shared state plans
- Planning tool templates
- Training
- State exercises
- Regional FA sector grant
- Multi-jurisdictional exercise
- Landfill / rendering project
- Information Sharing
- Resource Typing Guidelines

Meetings

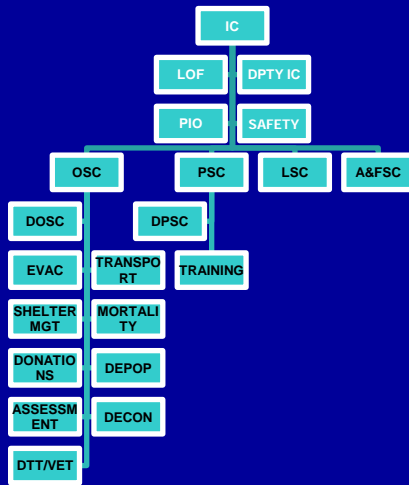


Whenever we can make it happen!

SAADRA Activities

Shared Plans and Templates

- Type II Ag IMT



- Responder Code of Conduct
- Volunteer Evaluation
- Situation Report

- Damage Assessment Protocols



SAADRA Activities

Training and Exercises

- Alabama FMD FSE



- Georgia -- FASCAT, AI
- Tennessee -- AI
- Mississippi -- NVS plan, Logistics, USDA 3D evaluation, MART
- N. Carolina – Landfill / rendering carcass disposal project

SAADRA Activities

Training and Exercises, continued



National Veterinary Stockpile
AL, LA, MS

Other SAADRA states
participated



SAADRA Activities

Regional Food / Ag Sector Grant

- 3-year DHS grant:
Regional Food and Agriculture Sector Criticality Assessment Project
- Project goals:
 - ID/prioritize state FA assets
 - ID regional FA assets
- Several states involved
 - individual state projects
 - regional FA sector project:
Regional Broiler Industry Interdependencies Study
- Assess criticality of FA assets/systems in region
- Assist FA industries with risk reduction strategies

SAADRA Activities

Multi-jurisdictional Exercise

- University of Georgia, via a Cooperative Agreement with USDA Animal Care
- Hurricane scenario
- Several states participated
- Each state prepared & submitted virtually a(n)
 - EMAC request
 - ARF
 - Request for a NARSC member NGO , and
 - engaged with state EMA Logistics

SAADRA Activities

Resource Typing Guidelines

- 2 states revised the FEMA 508-1 Animal Emergency Response guidelines
- These guidelines include 11 AER teams Types I -IV



SAADRA Activities

Information Sharing

- Website and private portal
 - Not there yet
 - Efforts ongoing
- Pre-landfall conference call
- Situation Reports
- How to share sensitive intelligence between industry, government and LE?

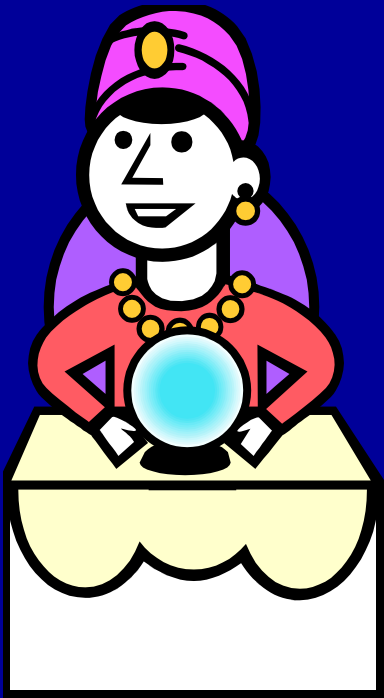
More sharing...Lessons Learned



Challenges

- Funding
 - SAADRA states received (2006-2010) 2% of available FEMA SHSP funding
 - Substantially less SHSP since 2010
 - State budgets very tight
- Time
 - Fewer state positions available
- Volunteer-herding
 - Better with NARSC

What's next...



- Promote regional efforts
- Collaborate with regional groups
- Seek funding sources
- Focus our efforts so we are productive

**What do we think about
regional alliances?**



We're for 'em!

Benefits of Regional Alliances

- Combining our strengths builds capability
- Sharing best practices reduces duplication
- Collaborating increases our resource stores
- Protecting the FA sector requires interstate, regional and national efforts
- Sharing business cards before an event streamlines response

Q & A to follow



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